

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

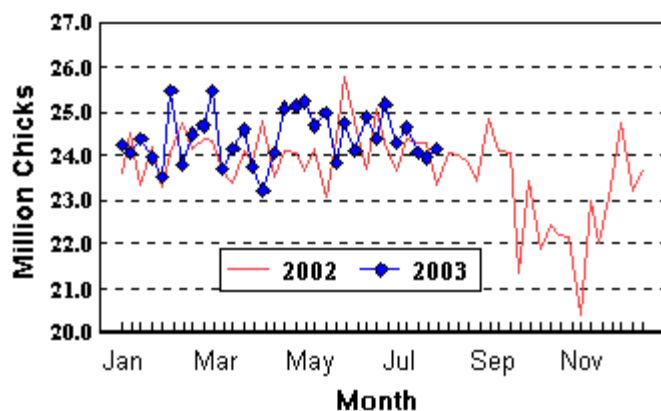
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 24.2 million during the week ending August 9, 2003. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2002, and up 1 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 9, 2003 were 781.1 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.6 million, up 2 percent from both the corresponding week a year earlier, and also from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.6 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.0 percent.

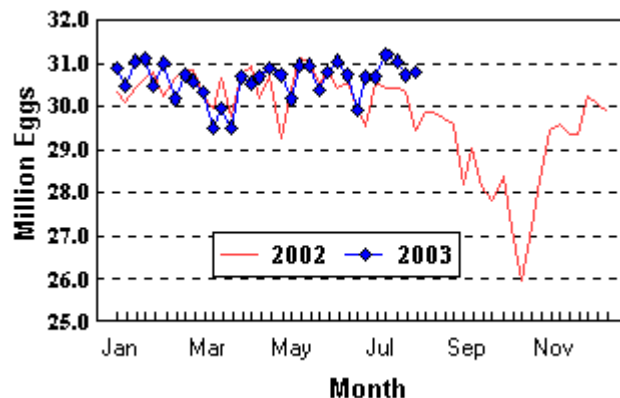
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 9, 2003, up 5 percent from the same period last year, and up fractionally from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change	2002	2003	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Jul. 5	24,317	25,195	104	25,365	25,629	101	29,561	30,676	104
Jul. 12	23,672	24,296	103	25,372	25,097	99	30,567	30,669	100
Jul. 19	24,387	24,630	101	24,901	24,754	99	30,449	31,196	102
Jul. 26	24,316	24,079	99	24,529	25,245	103	30,422	31,054	102
Aug. 2	24,298	23,944	99	25,242	25,150	100	30,322	30,749	101
Aug. 9	23,352	24,152	103	25,045	25,555	102	29,454	30,785	105

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2002-2003



EGGS SET, 2002 - 2003



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2003

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug		05-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	02-Aug	09-Aug	
Alabama	29,367 *	28,850	29,068	29,273	101	21,694	21,518	21,614	21,796	21,554	21,919	102
ARKANSAS	31,196	31,054	30,749	30,785	105	25,195	24,296	24,630	24,079 *	23,944 *	24,152	103
Delaware	3,996 *	3,903	3,876	3,877	105	5,137	5,437	5,417 *	5,346	5,144	5,200	106
Florida	1,354	1,328	1,346	1,353	67	1,732	1,784	1,601	1,894	1,608	1,650	71
Georgia	32,676 *	32,632	32,316	32,707	102	26,129	25,263	25,196	25,602 *	25,805 *	26,493	103
Kentucky	6,703	6,742 *	6,720 *	6,831	102	6,103	5,330	5,122	5,179 *	5,733 *	5,849	99
Maryland	9,469	9,467	9,492	9,384	95	5,692	5,825	5,169	5,541	5,985	6,010	96
Mississippi	19,377	18,726	19,066	19,194	101	16,390	15,939	16,121	15,904	16,534	16,433	105
N. Carolina	17,276 *	17,599	17,523	17,295	95	14,443	14,966	13,487	14,060	13,084	14,000	97
Oklahoma	6,457	6,532 *	6,161 *	6,490	95	3,932	4,721	3,952	4,537 *	4,501 *	5,235	104
Pennsylvania	4,067 *	3,809	3,869	3,859	105	2,758 *	2,711 *	2,544 *	2,773 *	2,835	2,937	105
S. Carolina	4,586	4,528	4,542	4,393	89	3,802	4,555	4,355	4,014	4,460	3,608	90
Texas	14,749 *	14,721 *	14,460 *	14,482	102	12,428 *	12,332 *	11,542 *	12,275 *	12,131 *	12,309	106
Virginia	6,384	6,512	6,489	6,472	103	6,219	5,336	5,298	5,369	5,138	5,177	91
CA,LA,MO,TN,WV	20,351 *	20,086	20,480	20,944	107	19,758 *	19,176 *	18,820 *	18,818 *	18,812 *	18,905	98
Total 2003	208,008 *	206,489 *	206,157 *	207,339		171,412 *	169,189 *	164,868 *	167,187 *	167,268 *	169,877	
Total 2002	209,219	207,984	209,004	205,483		172,394	168,933	166,514	167,733	169,884	168,467	
%Prev. Year	99	99	99	101		99	100	99	100	98	101	
Approximate Marketing Date 2003.....						23-Aug	30-Aug	06-Sep	13-Sep	20-Sep	27-Sep	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 207 million eggs during the week ending August 9, 2003. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through August 9, 2003 were 5.38 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.